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Inland Empire/Desert Center of Excellence Newsletter & Labor Market Update

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Regional Employment and Jobs Update



Unemployment Rate
Decreased to
7.9%



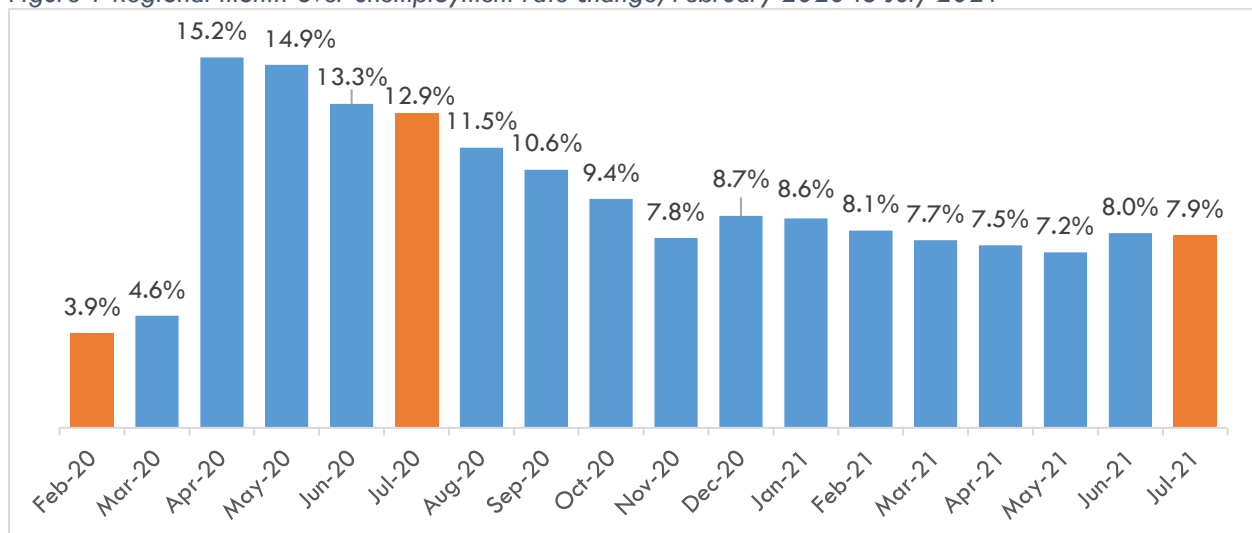
Nonfarm Employment
Lost
13,400 jobs

This month's employment and jobs data were collected the week of July 12th, after the Governor's [Stay Home Order and Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) executive orders were terminated on June 15th.

Civilian Employment

Civilian employment measures the number of residents in the region working or actively seeking work. In July 2021, the number of employed residents increased by 15,600, and the unemployed fell by 900. The unemployment rate decreased slightly to 7.9% in July 2021, down from a revised 8% in June 2021, but more than doubled from the February 2020 unemployment rate at 3.9%; widely considered the last month of employment unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Figure 1 Regional month-over unemployment rate change, February 2020 to July 2021

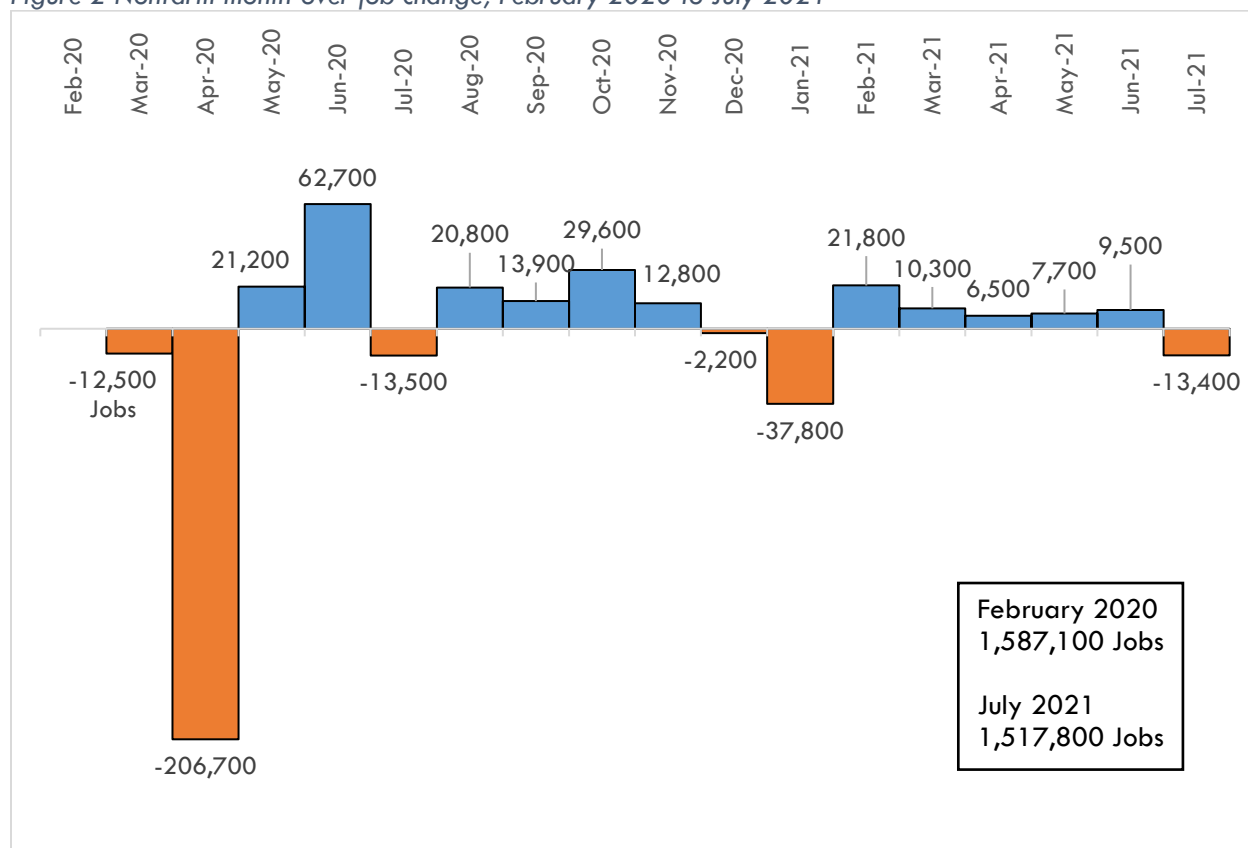


Jobs

Industry employment counts jobs by the place of work. In July 2021, nonfarm employers reported a net loss of 13,400 jobs (down 0.9%) for a total of 1,517,800 jobs in the region. Farm employers reported a loss of 2,700 jobs over the month (down 15.7%).

The region added 79,500 nonfarm jobs over the year (July 2020 to July 2021), up 5.5%, but reported 69,300 fewer jobs since February 2020, down 4.4%. Figure 2 displays month-over nonfarm job change from February 2020, generally considered the last month employment was not impacted by the pandemic, to July 2021.

Figure 2 Nonfarm month-over job change, February 2020 to July 2021



The following major industry sectors reported notable month-over job changes:

- The **government** sector reported a month-over loss of 13,900 jobs in July, down 5.8%. Most of the jobs lost in this sector resulted from seasonal cuts in the local government education subsector (down 12,600 jobs) and the state government education subsector (down 1,500). City governments reported 300 job cuts. County governments added 400 jobs over the month. The government sector is down 14.4% from its February 2020 employment level.

- **Construction** sector employers cut 2,600 jobs over the month, down 2.4%. Specialty trade contractors, employers performing specific activities but are not responsible for the entire project (e.g., pouring concrete, site preparation, plumbing, painting, and electrical work) reported all the month-over job losses in this sector, down 2,600 jobs.
- **Educational services**, mostly privately owned and operated for profit or not for profit educational institutions, employment fell by 3.9%, down 700 jobs. The educational services sector is down 20.5% from its February 2020 employment level.
- The **accommodations & food services** sector added 1,500 jobs over the month, boosting employment by 1.1%. The food services & drinking places subsector added 1,200 jobs; full-service restaurants increased by 700 jobs, and limited-service eating places increased by 500. The accommodations & food services sector is down 12.5% from its February 2020 employment level.
- **Transportation & warehousing** employers added 1,300 jobs to the region, up 0.7%. The warehousing & storage subsector boosted employment in this sector, adding 600 jobs over the month. The transportation & warehousing sector has increased overall employment by 20.1% from its February 2020 employment level.
- The **wholesale trade sector** added 1,300 jobs, increasing employment by 2% in July. Most of the gains reported in this sector were in the merchant wholesalers, durable goods subsector (up 1,000 jobs or 2.7%).

Figure 3 displays month-over, year-over, and since February 2020 jobs changes for all major industry sectors in the Inland Empire/Desert region.

Figure 3 Major industry job change, month-over, year-over, and since February 2020

Major Industry Sectors	July 2021	Month-over Change	Month-over % Change	Year-over Change	Year-over % Change	Since February 2020 Change	Since February 2020 % Change
Total Nonfarm	1,517,800	-13,400	-0.9%	79,500	5.5%	-69,300	-4.4%
Total Farm	14,500	-2,700	-15.7%	-800	-5.2%	500	3.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	242,200	300	0.1%	14,500	6.4%	4,500	1.9%
Government	227,600	-13,900	-5.8%	-1,400	-0.6%	-38,200	-14.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	183,600	1,300	0.7%	22,800	14.2%	30,700	20.1%
Retail Trade	175,400	1,000	0.6%	9,600	5.8%	-1,600	-0.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	137,200	1,500	1.1%	18,500	15.6%	-19,600	-12.5%
Admin. & Support & Waste Services	108,200	-800	-0.7%	7,900	7.9%	-1,300	-1.2%

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Construction	107,900	-2,600	-2.4%	4,000	3.8%	-1,000	-0.9%
Manufacturing	91,100	-700	-0.8%	-2,200	-2.4%	-9,000	-9.0%
Wholesale Trade	65,800	1,300	2%	2,400	3.8%	-2,100	-3.1%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	42,400	-400	-0.9%	900	2.2%	-3,400	-7.4%
Other Services	40,800	0	0%	1,000	2.5%	-7,300	-15.2%
Finance & Insurance	23,100	-300	-1.3%	-1,200	-4.9%	-2,100	-8.3%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	19,100	100	0.5%	0	0%	-1,600	-7.7%
Educational Services	17,400	-700	-3.9%	1,700	10.8%	-4,500	-20.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11,500	400	3.6%	-100	-0.9%	-10,800	-48.4%
Information	9,200	200	2.2%	500	5.7%	-2,100	-18.6%
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	8,700	-100	-1.1%	300	3.6%	-200	-2.2%
Utilities	5,300	0	0%	300	6%	300	6%
Mining and Logging	1,300	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

Welcome back; we hope you had a great summer break.

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